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SUBJECT: EXBS-MIDDLE EAST REGION ADVISOR MONTHLY REPORTING CABLE  
MAY 2005

**1. SUMMARY.** Regional EXBS Advisor completed coordination for visits to Yemen and Oman. The "Export Control Legal-Regulatory Workshop I," held in Oman May 15-18, provided exposure to a complex subject for Omani officials, but the course detail and subject were premature in terms of the level of development of the Omani Export System. The Omani EXBS officials need immediate training concerning transshipment and interdiction. Yemeni officials have received extensive training for their Coast Guard and now need assistance in procuring equipment and training to man and operate a maritime operations center for the Yemeni Coast Guard. Regional EXBS Advisor continued coordination for the visit of a Department of Energy MEGAPORTS Initiative/Second Line of Defense Program assessment team to Oman and Yemen. END SUMMARY.

**2. MIDDLE EAST REGION (OMAN, U.A.E., YEMEN)**

**I. BROAD ITEMS OF INTEREST.** Regional EXBS Advisor will make contact with Post EXBS representatives in U.A.E., and Yemen, calendar initial EXBS Advisor visits, coordinate EXBS training events and make recommendations to respective Country Team and NP/ECC as appropriate.

**II. COMPLETED ACTIONS FOR THE REPORTING PERIOD.**

**A. SITE ASSESSMENTS, MEETINGS AND OTHER SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITIES DURING REPORTING PERIOD.**

**1.** On May 1-15, EXBS Advisor exchanged emails with EXBS point of contact in Muscat, Oman and the US Coast Guard International Port Security Liaison Officer (IPSLO) located in Rotterdam, Netherlands who is responsible for Jordan and Oman. EXBS Advisor discussed with Muscat and ISPLO, general maritime issues related to EXBS and the visit of the ISPLO to Oman.

**2.** On May 1-15, EXBS Advisor assisted American Embassy Muscat, Department of Commerce, NP/ECC and their contractor to make final preparations for the "Export Control Legal-Regulatory Workshop I," held in Muscat, Oman on May 15-18, 2005. Post EXBS representative coordinated country clearance, transportation and housing of trainers and training-facility logistics for the course. Post course critique determined this workshop provided exposure to a complex subject for Omani officials, but the course detail and subject were premature in terms of the level of development of the Omani Export System. The Omani EXBS officials need immediate training concerning transshipment and interdiction.

**3.** On May 1-30, EXBS Advisor assisted American Embassy Muscat, American Embassy Sana'a, NP/ECC and Department of Energy to coordinate future visit of MEGAPORTS Initiative/Second Line of Defense assessment team. The team will assess the ports of Qaboos and Salalah in Oman and Aden and possibly Al-Hudaydah in Yemen for inclusion in the MEGAPORTS Initiative/Second Line of Defense Programs. Teams plan to visit Yemen this August and Oman this September.

**4.** On May 1-30, EXBS Advisor assisted NP/ECC, EXBS Inter-agency Group Members and their contractors to update the annual Inter-Agency EXBS Schedule for the Middle East Region.

**B. TRAINING CONDUCTED DURING REPORTING PERIOD.**

**1.** EXBS: "Export Control Legal-Regulatory Workshop I," held in Muscat, Oman on May 15-18, 2005.

**2.** OTHER: None.

**C. EQUIPMENT DELIVERED DURING REPORTING PERIOD.**  
None.

**D. IMMINENT TRAINING OR EQUIPMENT STATUS UPDATE.**

**1.** EXBS: Visit of MEGAPORTS/SLD assessment teams to Oman and Yemen (SPECIAL NOTE: Yemeni officials have received extensive training for their Coast Guard and now need assistance in procuring equipment and training to man and operate a maritime operations center for the Yemeni Coast Guard.)

12. OTHER: None.

1E. SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS IN EXPORT CONTROLS, NONPROLIFERATION, OR RELATED BORDER SECURITY.

To be determined following initial country visits (Yemen - July 10-19, 2005; Oman - September 18-28, 2005; U.A.E. TBD) and review of EXBS: Control System Standards Questionnaire for each country.

1F. OTHER SIGNIFICANT ISSUES/EVENTS.

Same as paragraph 2-II-E, above.

1G. PRIMARY EXBS OBJECTIVES FOR COMING MONTH.

1. Schedule initial EXBS Advisor visit to U.A.E.

2. Coordinate with Embassy personnel on the ground to identify persons and organizations of interest to EXBS.

3. Continue coordination for MEGAPORT/SLD assessments of Yemen and Oman.

4. Continue coordination for country-specific training/procurement for Region.

1H. STATUS OF LAST MONTH'S PRIMARY EXBS OBJECTIVES.

1. EXBS Advisor and Post EXBS representative - have scheduled dates for EXBS Advisor visit to Yemen and Oman.

2. EXBS Advisor will confirm tentative dates for visit to U.A.E., i.e., October 9-18, 2005.

3. EXBS Advisor will coordinate with Post EXBS representatives Muscat, Abu Dhabi and Sanaa to identify persons/organizations of interest to EXBS.

III. RED FLAG ISSUES.

None.

13. Any questions or comments can be directed to Joseph C. Irvine, EXBS Advisor to the Middle East Region, Telephone:(962 6) 590-6550/6558, Fax: (962 6) 592-7653, Email: IrvineJC@state.gov.  
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